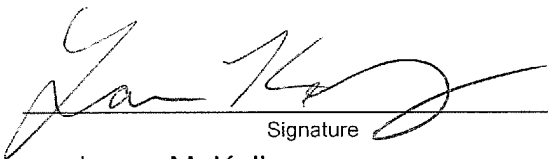


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**REASONS IN SUPPORT OF APPLICANTS'
PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW**

Sir:

This document is submitted in support of the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review filed concurrently with a Notice of Appeal in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 41.31 and with the rules set out in the OG of July 12, 2005 for the New Appeal Brief Conference Pilot Program.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or any additional fee(s) are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

REMARKS

Applicants hereby request a Pre-Appeal Brief Review (hereinafter "Request") of Claims 1-22, which were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2004/0198470 to Dyer ("Dyer") in the Final Office Action of March 13, 2007 (the Final Action). Applicants respectfully submit that many of the recitations of the claims are not described or suggested by Dyer. One or more elements needed for a *prima facie* rejection under 35 USC §102(e) are, therefore, simply not present. In the interest of brevity, and without waiving the right to argue additional grounds should this Request be denied, Applicants will point out the Examiner's omissions of one or more essential elements needed for a *prima facie* rejection.

I. Claims 1-14 and 21-22 are not anticipated by Dyer

Claim 1 recites a headset system including:

a headset for direct wireless communication of audio data with a communication terminal and including a first power supply unit;
a headset carrying device; and
a charger for charging the first power supply unit from a second power supply unit, wherein the headset carrying device comprises the charger and the second power supply unit, and wherein the headset carrying device is separate from the communication terminal and is devoid of a holding member or chamber for holding the communications device.

Claim 21 recites a headset system including:

a headset for direct wireless communication of audio data with a communication terminal and including a first power supply unit;
a headset carrying device configured to hold at least a portion of the headset therein; and
a charger for charging the first power supply unit from a second power supply unit, wherein the headset carrying device comprises the charger and the second power supply unit, wherein the headset carrying device is separate from the communication terminal and is configured to carry substantially only the charger, the second power supply unit, and the headset with the first power supply unit.

Applicants submit that at least the above-underlined recitations are not taught or suggested by Dyer. In particular, Claims 1 and 21 recite that the headset is for direct wireless communication of audio data with a communication terminal.

The Final Action takes the position that the integral dongle 1210 of Dyer is equivalent to the headset carrying device recited in Claim 1 (Final Action, page 2). However, Dyer clearly proposes that the headsets described therein communicate with a transceiver in the dongle. As noted in paragraph 44 of Dyer, “[w]ireless headset 310 includes radio 980 for transmitting signals to, and receiving signals from, a transceiver (not shown) in dongle 950.” Dyer also describes the function of the dongle in paragraph 3, line 7 *et seq.* as follows:

The dongle receives headset signals from the wireless headset, typically in the form of RF signals, transforms the headset signals into a format used by the external device (if necessary) and transmits the transformed headset signals to the external device. Similarly, the dongle receives device signals from the external device, transforms the device signals into a

format used by the headset (if necessary) and transmits the transformed device signals to the headset.

Applicants note that the external device is described immediately following this portion of Dyer (paragraph 4) as a cellular phone. Accordingly, the headset of Dyer is not for direct wireless communication of audio data with a communication terminal where the headset carrying device is separate from the communication terminal as recited in Claim 1 because the headset of Dyer communicates with the dongle (which the Final Action identifies as equivalent to the headset carrying device). The dongle of Dyer transmits/receives the signals to/from the external device or cellular phone, and direct wireless communication with a communication terminal (where the headset carrying device is separate from the communication terminal) is simply not taught or suggested by Dyer.

For at least these reasons, Applicants submit that independent Claims 1 and 21 are not anticipated by Dyer. Claims 2-13 and 22 are patentable at least per the claims from which they depend. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections of such claims under § 102.

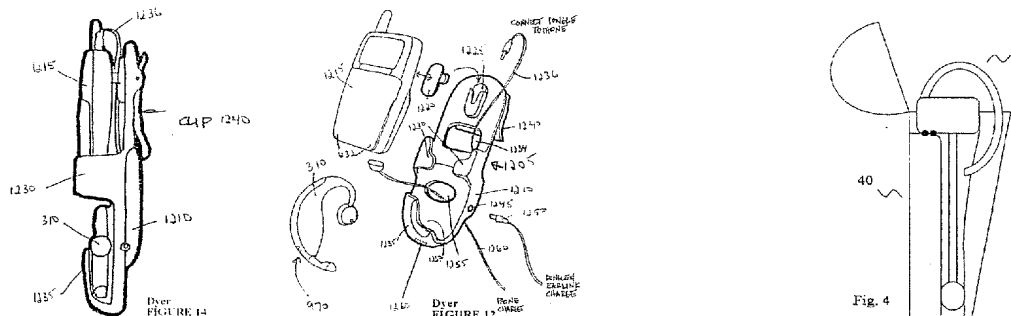
II. Claim 22 is separately patentable over Dyer

Claim 22 depends from Claim 1 and is patentable for the reasons discussed above with respect to Claim 1. In addition, Claim 22 is separately patentable at least for the reasons that follow. Claim 22 recites as follows:

the headset carrying device comprises a compact case sized and configured so that a boundary of the compact case substantially corresponds to a length and/or a width of the headset, the compact case having an elongated bore configured to receive a first portion of the headset therein and a lid pivotally hinged on the case and movable between an open and a closed position, the lid being configured to enclose a second portion of the headset when the lid is in the closed position.

The Action takes the position that Dyer discloses the features of Claim 22 in Figure 14. Figures 12 and 14 of Dyer (which both illustrate the same device 1205) and Figure 4 of the current application are reproduced below. As is clearly shown in Figure 14 of Dyer, the

carrying device 1205 is configured to hold a mobile phone 1236 and therefore is not "devoid of a holding member or chamber for holding the communications device" as recited in Claim 1, from which Claim 22 depends.



In addition, none of the dongles discussed in Dyer (including the device 1205 of Figures 12 and 14) teach or suggest numerous recitations of Claim 22. For example, Dyer does not disclose that "the boundary of the compact case substantially corresponds to a length and/or width of the headset," for example, as shown in Figure 4 of the current application. Moreover, Dyer does not disclose "a lid pivotally hinged on the case and movable between an open and a closed position." The devices of Dyer including the device 1205 of Figure 14 do not even include a lid or an elongated bore and therefore also do not teach or suggest "an elongated bore configured to receive a first portion of the headset therein" or that the lid is "configured to enclose a second portion of the headset when the lid is in the closed position" as shown, for example in Figure 4.

For at least these reasons, Applicants submit that Dyer does not teach or suggest numerous recitations of Claim 22 and cannot anticipate Claim 22. Therefore, Claim 22 is separately patentable over Dyer. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 22 be withdrawn.

III. Claims 14-20 are not anticipated by Dyer

Claim 14 recites a headset carrying device for carrying a headset when the headset is not in use, including:

an electrical charger and means for establishing electrical contact between the charger and a first power supply unit of a headset carried by the headset carrying device, the electrical charger being configured to

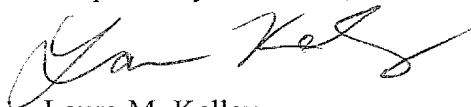
charge the first power supply unit from a second power supply unit, wherein the headset carrying device includes the second power supply unit and is separate from a communication terminal and devoid of a holding member or chamber for holding the communication terminal to which the headset is communicatively connectable.

Applicants submit that Dyer does not teach or suggest at least a headset carrying device that includes an electrical charger "configured to charge the first power supply unit from a second power supply unit, wherein the headset carrying device includes the second power supply unit." Dyer makes no mention of a headset carrying device that includes a power supply unit. In contrast, in paragraphs 37-41, Dyer discusses a cord 715/920 in Figures 7-9 that supplies power to battery chargers 940 in the dongle 950.

For at least these reasons, Applicants submit that independent Claim 14 is not anticipated by Dyer. Claims 15-20 are patentable at least per patentability of Claim 14, from which they depend. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections of such claims under § 102.

In conclusion, for at least the reasons discussed above, the recitations of the pending claims are not taught or suggested by Dyer so that one or more elements needed for a *prima facie* rejection under 35 USC §102(e) are simply not present. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request Pre-Appeal Brief Review of the present application and that the rejections be reversed by the Pre-Appeal Brief Review Panel prior to the filing of an Appeal Brief.

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